

REMARKS

Claims 16-19 and 21-33 are pending in the application. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended, and claims 1-15, and 20 have been cancelled. Claims 28-33 are new. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-14, 16-19, and 21-25 have been rejected over the Richardson Co. document in view of Ott. This rejection is overcome in view of the amendment of claims 18 and 19, together with the following remarks.

Neither the Richardson Co. nor Ott suggest or disclose a diffusion frame supporting a diffusion layer, where the diffusion frame is configured to hold more than one diffusion layer in combination with the additionally recited elements. As described by the applicants at paragraph 0021 of their specification, the light frame configuration permits the diffusion frame to hold multiple diffusion films. Further, the diffusion frame can be easily removed and different diffusion materials can be installed on the frame.

In accordance with the invention, diffusion layer 30 can be one or more layers of diffusion paper stretched across a diffusion frame and positioned in the front of light frame 12. Those skilled in the art will recognize that numerous types of diffusion materials are available for use by lighting technicians including various types of cloth and paper. Further, the paper varies in thickness and density so that different lighting conditions can be obtained to address the light illumination needs on a particular stage, such as a film stage. As will subsequently be described in more detail, lighting system 10 is configured to permit the easy removal and reinstallation of diffusion layers within the lighting system. Further, the particular light frame configuration of the present invention permits the diffusion frame supporting the diffusion layer to be easily removed and different diffusion materials installed on the frame. The frame can then be easily reattached to light frame 12. (Para. 00121)

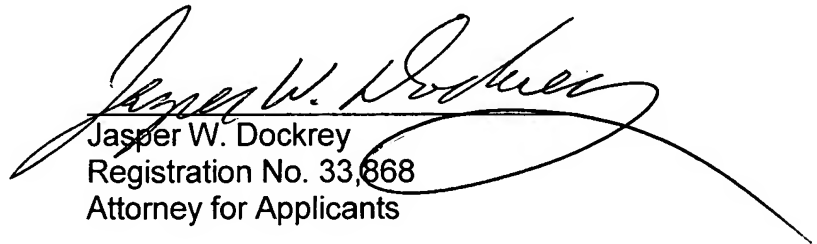
In addition to providing a distinct advantage that the diffusion frame can be easily removed, different types of diffusion materials, such as paper and cloth, can be used alone or in combination. Accordingly, the applicants assert that their claimed assembly provides important operational advantages that are not suggested or disclosed by the cited references.

New Claims

The applicants have added new claims to their application so that they may more fully claim the subject matter of their invention. Claim 29 recites a stage lighting system that includes a diffusion frame that is configured to hold a plurality of diffusion films. The diffusion frame is held in position by quick release coupling members providing the capability to quickly remove and reattach the diffusion frame and the eggcrate louver to the cabinet. The applicants assert that the cited references do not suggest or disclose the claimed diffusion frame configuration. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the applicants' specification and, in particular, at paragraphs 0021 and 0037.

The applicants have made a novel and non-obvious contribution to the art of mobile stage lighting system design. The claims at issue distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is now earnestly requested.

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